

H. Res. 217

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

May 20, 2003.

Whereas on Saturday, April 12, 2003, the defending NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey champions, the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers, won the National Championship for the second straight year;

Whereas the University of Minnesota defeated the University of New Hampshire in the championship game by the score of 5–1, having defeated the University of Michigan 3–2 in overtime in the semifinals;

Whereas the Golden Gophers reached the 56th Annual Frozen Four by defeating Mercyhurst College 9–2 and Ferris State University 7–4;

Whereas the University of Minnesota received an automatic bid to the 2003 NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey National Championship Tournament by defeating Colorado College 4–2 in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association Tournament championship game;

Whereas the Golden Gophers became the first repeat NCAA Men's Ice Hockey champions in 31 years;

Whereas the University of Minnesota won their fifth NCAA Men's Ice Hockey title;

Whereas the team displayed academic excellence by maintaining an average grade point average above the university-wide average; and

Whereas all the team's players showed dedication throughout the season toward the goal of winning the National Championship: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers for winning the 2003 NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of all the team's players, coaches, and support staff, and invites them to the United States Capitol Building to be honored;

(3) requests that the President recognize the team's accomplishment, and invite them to the White House for a ceremony in their honor; and

(4) directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make available enrolled copies of this resolution to the University of Minnesota for appropriate display, and to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to each coach and member of the 2003 NCAA Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship team.

Attest:

Clerk.